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## **ICE ARRESTS TWO PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED FELONS**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico- Two previously deported felons who illegally re-entered the country were indicted here Wednesday after being arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents.

Dominican citizens Julio Cesar De Jesus-Chala, 28 and Raul Zambo-Rodriguez, 27, were charged for violating Title 8, United States Code (USC) Section 1326.

Both are convicted aggravated felons. De Jesus-Chala was deported from the United States on May 5, 1998, while Zambo-Rodriguez was deported Nov. 14, 2005.

“Arresting, prosecuting, and removing those who commit criminal immigration violations is a critical part of ICE's efforts to restore integrity to the nation's immigration system,” said Lydia St. John-Mellado, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE in Puerto Rico. “Re-entry after a deportation is a serious crime with very serious consequences.”

De-Jesus-Chala and Zambo-Rodriguez are in U.S. Marshals custody at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico awaiting the outcome of their cases. If convicted, both may face a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

The public is reminded that a criminal indictment or complaint contain only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial and the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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